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<b>Interview Summary</b>		Application No. 09/210,539	Applicant(s) ISHIBASHI ET AL. <i>eb</i>
		Examiner Dr. Kelechi C. Egwim	Art Unit 1713

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Robert Stanley. *MR*

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Date of Interview: 2/25/04

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Obuchi et al. and Tsai et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

*[Signature]*  
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative presented arguments against both cited references and the new matter rejection. After discussion, the examiner agreed that Tsai et al. can be overcome with the submitted declarations since Tsai's filing date is the same as the invention report dated 10/31/97. The examiner suggested that applicant amend the language in the example 2 to make it clear that the talc is being added to the Bionelle #1020 prior to the admixture of the resin with PLA.

Regarding Obuchi et al., the Examiner suggested that applicant amend the claims to require a PLA content less than 25%, which would be outside of the range taught in Obuchi et al. Also, applicant may present clear evidence to show that the amount of inorganic filler in the dispersed PLA phase of Obuchi et al., if any, is detrimental to the properties of interest, as opposed to any amount of inorganic filler that might be present in applicant disperses PLA claimed as being "essentially free of said inorganic filler".